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SUBJECT: VISIT OF DR. EDWARD P. IRONS

REF: ADDIS ABABA 10289 (NOTAL)

1. ON RECEIPT REFTEL, CONGEN LOCATED DR. IRONS AT NYALA HOTEL. HE SAID HE WAS PLANNING TO DEPART FOR KEREN SEPT. 17 AND REMAIN THERE UNTIL SEPT. 23. DURING DISCUSSIONS WITH CONSOFF HE WAS ADVISED THAT FOOD SITUATION IN KEREN WAS SUBJECT TO SHORTAGES AND THAT SECURITY SITUATION REMAINED UNCERTAIN. HE AGREED TO ABBREVIATE TRIP TO MINIMUM TIME POSSIBLE.

2. FOR EPMG CLEARANCE TO TRAVEL TO KEREN, CONSOFF CONTACTED COL. TEFEREDEGN, DIRECTOR OF IMMIGRATION AND SECURITY. TEFEREDEGN WAS VERY SKEPTICAL THAT CLEARANCE WOULD BE GRANTED, BUT PROMISED TO CHECK WITH CHIEF ADMINISTRATOR AND INFORM CONGEN OF DECISION SOONEST.

3. IRONS AGREED TO POSTPONE HIS TRIP UNTIL EPMG CLEARANCE IS GRANTED. MEANWHILE HE HAS BEEN PUT IN CONTACT WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF VOLAGS WHICH HAVE EXPERIENCE OR EXISTING OPERATIONS IN KEREN.
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